

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

SB 287 # 1

DIGEST

Cursive writing. Requires each school corporation, charter school, and state accredited nonpublic elementary school to include cursive writing in its curriculum.

- 1 Page 1, between the enacting clause and line 1, begin a new
2 paragraph and insert:
3 "SECTION 1. IC 20-30-5-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.32-2021,
4 SECTION 56, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
5 JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 7. (a) Each school corporation shall include in the
6 school corporation's curriculum the following studies:
7 (1) Language arts, including:
8 (A) English;
9 (B) grammar;
10 (C) composition;
11 (D) speech; ~~and~~
12 (E) second languages; **and**
13 **(F) for an elementary school, cursive writing.**
14 (2) Mathematics.
15 (3) Social studies and citizenship, including the:
16 (A) constitutions;
17 (B) governmental systems; and
18 (C) histories;
19 of Indiana and the United States, including an enhanced study of
20 the Holocaust in each high school United States history course.
21 As part of the United States government credit awarded for the
22 general, Core 40, Core 40 with academic honors, and Core 40
23 with technical honors designation, each high school shall
24 administer the naturalization examination provided by the United
25 States Citizenship and Immigration Services.
26 (4) Sciences, including, after June 30, 2021, computer science.
27 (5) Fine arts, including music and art.

(6) Health education, physical fitness, safety, and the effects of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, and other substances on the human body.

(7) Additional studies selected by each governing body, subject to revision by the state board.

(b) Each:

(1) school corporation;

(2) charter school; and

(3) state accredited nonpublic school;

shall offer the study of ethnic and racial groups as a one (1) semester elective course in its high school curriculum at least once every school year.

(c) The course described in subsection (b) may be offered by the school corporation, charter school, or state accredited nonpublic school through a course access program administered by the department.

(d) Not later than November 1, 2022, and not later than November 1 each year thereafter, the department shall report to the general assembly in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 the following:

(1) The number of students who took the naturalization examination described in subsection (a)(3).

(2) The number of students who passed the naturalization examination described in subsection (a)(3) by a score of not less than sixty percent (60%) on their first attempt.

(3) The pass rate of the naturalization examination regarding the students who passed as described in subdivision (2).

(e) Not more than thirty (30) days after the department reports to the general assembly the information under subsection (d), the department shall post the pass rate under subsection (d)(3) on the department's ~~Internet web site:~~ **website.**

SECTION 2. IC 20-30-5-7.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: **Sec. 7.2. A charter school and a state accredited nonpublic elementary school shall include in the charter school's and state accredited nonpublic elementary school's curriculum language arts studies in cursive writing.**

SECTION 3. IC 20-30-6.1-2 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]. ~~Sec. 2: Each school corporation may include cursive writing in the school corporation's curriculum."~~

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

(Reference is to SB 287 as introduced.)